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MOLOTOV SAYS ATOM BOMB NO LONGER A SECRET

H.K. Tea Firms Being Frozen Out

Formosan Market Disappearing

Foreign tea firms in the Far East, including several in Hongkong, are being "frozen out" of Formosa by high priced tea purchases made by the Taiwan Government and the Chinese Government's Central Trust, local tea authorities said here yesterday.

Of the total spring and summer crop of 60,000 piculs, the Central Trust has already bought 10,200 piculs and Taiwanese Government concerns 20,000 piculs.

As these Government concerns have already paid and are prepared to pay some 50% higher prices for this tea than the world market prices, Formosan tea growers are unwilling to sell to foreign tea firms any of the 35,000 piculs that remain.

Further put off by a rumour that the Taiwanese Government will purchase most of the remaining stocks at high prices for a fertilizer barter, foreign tea merchants are now unable to buy any tea at all.

BARTER AGREEMENT

The Taiwanese Government has already completed negotiations for a rubber-barter with French Indo-China. Of the 7,000 chests of tea involved, 2,500 chests of green tea and 1,000 chests of black tea arrived in Hongkong last week aboard the Wing Sang in transit to Saigon. Financed by Taiwanese sources, this tea has been valued for barter purposes at a price equivalent to HK\$250 per picul, some HK\$70 above world market prices.

It is becoming more and more apparent to foreign tea firms in China that the Central Trust is attempting to put them out of business, a Hongkong tea dealer said yesterday. The Central Trust has stated in the Shanghai papers that they are about to ship large quantities of Formosan as well as Chinese tea. As they cannot get firm orders, they are making arrangements to consign probably without drawing or selling the foreign exchange involved.

An American tea firm reports that the Central Trust in Formosa is shipping 3,500 cases of black tea on consignment to New York via Shanghai.

"It would appear, therefore, that the Central Trust is exempt from financial regulations under which foreign firms are forced to operate, namely that all foreign exchange export proceeds must be surrendered to Government-appointed banks at the official exchange rates before exports shipments may leave the country."

"This confirms our opinion that the Chinese Government is intent on putting all foreign exporters out of business and intends to monopolize the trade themselves," said the dealer.

DUKE ROUTS A BURGLAR

London, Nov. 6.—The 39-year-old Duke of Norfolk, premier peer of Britain and Earl Marshal of England, routed a burglar from his bedroom in historic Arundel Castle in Sussex Wednesday night and was just like those movies with the athletic heroes.

Bounding down wide granite stairways and ducking through silvery armour filled chambers, the Duke, clad in dressing gown and flapping slippers, chased the thief through the magnificent ancestral home, but lost him at a 30 foot high window out of which it is thought he got away.

Frustrated by the burglar's superior agility, the Duke paused from time to time to jerk silver bell cords in the hope of rousing the servants.

Finally the Duke's valet, a night watchman, several housemen and maids turned out and searched the scores of rooms, every one elaborately furnished but many unoccupied. Telephone calls brought to the castle one of the largest assembles of police and voluntary helpers in the history of the country. But the thief got away—with only a gold cigarette case worth about £25 which an industrial firm had given the Duke. —Associated Press.

"Free Kashmir" Forces Score A Success

Karachi, Nov. 6.—"Free Kashmir Forces" have re-occupied Pattan, near Kashmir the capital of Srinagar, Dawn—a leading Moslem paper in Pakistan—reported today in a despatch from Lahore.

Pattan lies between Kashmir capital and Baramulla, 30 miles to the west, which has been one of the centres of fighting between "Free Kashmir" tribesmen raiding the state from across the North West Frontier Province (Pakistan) border, and troops sent to Kashmir by the Indian Union.

Quoting a "Free Kashmir" spokesman, the paper said that about half of Kashmir's 4,000,000 population was now under the administration of the "Free Kashmir Republic." The spokesman said that Sardar Ibrahim, the head of the "Free Kashmir Government" welcomed the suggestion for a plebiscite in the state under the United Nations supervision but emphasised that there must be complete evacuation of Indian troops.

PAKISTAN-PROTEST

He was quoted by Dawn as charging the Royal Indian Air Force planes with bombing and machine-gunning Kashmir civilians and bombing Srinagar's Joseph Hospital at Baramulla setting it on fire.

Pakistan, meanwhile, has lodged a strong protest with the Indian Government over last Sunday's bombing of Kohala Bridge on the Pakistan-Kashmir frontier by RAF aircraft, a Pakistan spokesman said here today.

The bridge which crosses the River Jhelum on the road between Rawalpindi and Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir, is jointly owned by the Governments of Pakistan and Kashmir.

Pakistan had told India, the spokesman said, that arrangements had been made for the protection of the bridge and that the responsibility for any untoward consequences resulting from further air action would rest entirely on the Indian Government.—Reuter.

BRITONS WARNED

London, Nov. 6.—A second warning that the 150 to 200 British sub-

jects remaining in the disturbed area of Kashmir would do well to come away, was given by the British authorities last Saturday. Mr Philip Noel Baker, the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, stated in a Parliamentary answer today.

The British Government was now discussing with the Government of India and the Supreme Commander how they could best be brought out, he added. They were mainly people who had resided in Kashmir many years and did not wish to leave because they could not take their property with them.

The Government was trying to arrange road convoys which could still get through so that they could take more of their possessions.

Mr Noel Baker, who was answering questions about the safety of British Subjects in India and Pakistan, also stated that the 153 nursing officers of the Queen Alexandra Imperial Nursing Service and one matron and 26 sisters of the Princess Mary's RAF Nursing Service would be brought home or placed to another command as quickly as available shipping and transport allowed.

It was expected that they would all have left by next March.

Asked about the protection for these nurses, Mr Noel Baker said those serving in the military forces would not doubt be protected by those forces.

SAME PROTECTION

Those in civil employment would have to decide for themselves if they wanted to come home.

They would have the same protection as other civilians and would have to apply to the shipping companies for passages.

Mr Noel Baker said he would look into a suggestion by Air Commodore Harvey, Conservative, who has just returned from India, that the British nurses might lead a hand in coping with the refugee problem. He added, however, that they were primarily looking after the British forces to which they were attached.

Asked if the facilities at the disposal of the Indian and Pakistan Governments were sufficient to safeguard the British Nationals, Mr Noel Baker said all three Governments were in constant consultation. He thought that in many places the dispositions of the Dominions were sufficient.

Replying to further questions, Mr Noel Baker said the primary responsibility for the safety of the British Subjects rested with the Governments of India and Pakistan. He added that had been made on Europeans because they were Europeans.—Reuter.

Company Director Acquitted

Hull, Nov. 6.—Sir Noel Curtis-Bennett, former director of Tarran Industries, a firm of builders, was yesterday acquitted on charges in connection with the publication of an allegedly false balance sheet in September, 1943.

Sir Noel had been charged with Mr Robert Tarran, former Managing Director, and other officials of the company. The other cases remain to be dealt with.—Reuter.

More Cholera Deaths

Cairo, Nov. 6.—A total of 170 people died of cholera in Egypt in the past 24 hours, the lowest figure recorded since October 19, and 74 lower than the previous day. New cases notified were 290.—Reuter.

Wants Mighty Army To Fight Imperialists

Moscow, Nov. 6.—M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, today called upon anti-imperialist forces to foil capitalism's "plan of aggression" by uniting in "a mighty army to which the capitalists can never produce an equal."

He also claimed that the secret of the atom bomb no longer belonged to the United States alone.

M. Molotov was addressing a special meeting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. His reference to a "mighty army" came after he had declared that the world war had shattered the foundations of capitalism and that this was an age when all roads led to Communism. He continued: "The ground is swaying under the feet of the imperialists while the strength of the democratic nations is growing day by day."

"The eyes of the nations must be opened to the new aggressive plan of the adventurers and these plans must be foiled. The anti-imperialist forces must be united into a mighty army to which the capitalists can never produce an equal."

At the same time he said: "The countries of the world may rest assured that the Soviet Union will, till the end, defend the interests of peace and after repelling the Russian, British and the United States successfully co-operated during the war, he asked: 'Way cannot they co-operate after the war?'"

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, had stated earlier today that the capitalist system "prolapsed to the core"—had "gone bankrupt and cannot last long."

M. Molotov used these words about the atom bomb: "In expansionist circles in the United States, a new peculiar sort of illusion is widespread: placing no faith in their internal strength they rely on the secret of the atom bomb, although this secret has long ceased to exist."

After asserting that in Russia, no economic crisis was threatening the people and there would be no unemployment, Mr Molotov said: "The country's greatness is now recognised by the whole world. Compare the Soviet Union and the most developed capitalist countries of Europe. Take Britain—considered the workshop of the world. Britain is living through a severe crisis, depending more and more on its American uncle."

RUSSIA'S PLANS

Later he said: "The fact that the Soviet Union is planning several five-year plans ahead is sufficient to show how interested we are in lasting and permanent peace."

"The countries of the world may rest assured that the Soviet Union will, till the end, defend the interests of peace of the whole world."

Before M. Molotov began his speech, there was long and loud applause. His speech was the first major pronouncement of policy since the recent formation of the nine-nation Cominform.

The earlier part of his speech was devoted to the history of the last 33 years. In this he declared: "Not only in countries friendly to the Soviet Union was the day of the 30th anniversary fraught with deep meaning, but also in countries where capitalism reigned, where colonies and dependent peoples were oppressed.—Reuter."

"The people in whom the knowledge has brought awakening see in the successes of the Soviet Union the approach of their own liberation from the yoke of enslavement."

"There is no other country in the world where the Soviet Union has not got numerous friends among the working class, the working peasants and in wide democratic circles—friends imbued with warm sympathy and faith in our cause."

"That why, today, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Soviet Revolution, our October banner waves so proudly, the victorious banner of Lenin and Stalin."

THREE PERIODS

"The path traversed by us should be divided into three periods: The first period is that from the victory of Soviet power to the beginning of the second imperialist

Pulp Mill Disaster

Helsinki, Nov. 6.—At least 19 persons were killed and more than 100 gassed by chlorine gas fumes when a container filled with liquid chlorine exploded in a pulp mill at Rauma today.

Fumes spread from the scene of the explosion at the Rauma Raabe factory to town.

One hundred and eighty persons were sent to hospital, but some were permitted to leave shortly after. Some 70 persons are still in critical condition. A foreman and a policeman were among the casualties. —United Press.

RUN ON STERLING REVELATION

London, Nov. 6.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, disclosed figures in the Commons late yesterday that showed that Belgium and Argentina were principally responsible for the run on sterling which caused the breakdown of the sterling convertibility system.

Mr Dalton, in answer to a question said that Argentina converted £23.3 million sterling into dollars between July 1 and August 20, which was 4.6 million more sterling than was converted in the whole of the preceding six months.

The Belgian monetary area, according to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, converted £34,400,000 sterling into dollars between July 1 and August 20.

Figures provided by Mr Dalton showed that Argentina added 9.3 millions to her sterling holdings in the first half of 1947, possibly in order to "create a reserve to meet the balance of the British-owned railways purchase price, and began to liquidate those reserves in July, and in the following two months her sterling assets dropped by 7.5 millions.

SUSPENSION FEAR

The Financial Times said today of Argentina, "It was clearly fear of suspension of arrangements which caused her to get out of sterling."

Figures on sterling converted to dollars given by Mr Dalton were:

Argentina, January 1 to June 30—16.7 millions; July 1 to August 20—23.3 millions; total—42 millions.

Belgian monetary area, January 1 to June 30—18.3 millions; July 1 to August 20—34.4 millions; total—52.7 millions.

Brazil, January 1 to June 30—five millions; July 1 to August 20—7.5 millions; total—12.5 millions.

Italy, January 1 to June 30—1.3 millions; July 1 to August 20—1.3 millions; total—2.6 millions.—United Press.

Commons Allegation Of Political Nepotism

London, Nov. 6.—Political feeling reached boiling point in the Commons today after a Conservative had charged the Government with "evergrowing political nepotism"—"providing jobs for the boys" and for their friends' supporters.

Many Members were on their feet at one time and there was something like pandemonium with shouts of "corruption" and "dirty" rising above the hubbub of cheers and counter cheers.

The trouble started when Mr Herbert Morrison, the Deputy Prime Minister, declined a suggestion by a Conservative, Mr Guy Lloyd, that an appointments committee should be set up to examine any recommendations made by any Minister for filling any post which was at his discretion and require him to justify it.

The opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, challenged Mr Morrison to

Trains Collide In Fog

Another Derailed

London, Nov. 6.—Two passenger trains collided in fog in southeast London Thursday night and a third train was derailed in a southwest suburb. First reports said it was believed at least two persons were killed in the derailling crash.

The first accident occurred at Molesey Park, a southwest London suburb as an electric train from Waterloo apparently jumped points. The British Press Association said it was believed two people were killed and three others were trapped. Rescue workers litged newspapers in the thick fog as they tore at wreckage of the smashed coaches.

In the southeast London crash, a steam train to Victoria collided with an electric train from the city outside Heme Hill station. It was believed that one derailed coach fell over an embankment.

The fog blanked out London and most of southern and central England. All three of London's main airports were fogbound most of the day. For the second consecutive night London bus routes led their buses through the streets shouting instructions to drivers who could see no further than the front of their vehicle.

More than two score were killed during the day in these bus collisions and a motorcyclist was killed in a crash late at night on a fog shrouded suburban highway.

During the day the fog lifted from the south coast and the 81,000 ton passenger liner Queen Mary sailed for New York at 5 p.m. after being delayed more than 25 hours by strike of crewmen.—Associated Press.

INTERIM BUDGET

London, Nov. 6.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, will present his anti-inflation interim budget next Wednesday, Mr Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, announced today in the House of Commons.

The budget, designed to cure the nation's spending power, which is being introduced half way through the financial year, is expected to mean an increase in tobacco duty, purchase tax and profits tax, as well as possible changes in the system of food subsidies.

The subsidies, now costing £302,000,000 annually, were earlier believed scheduled for reduction, but it is expected they will be pegged at the existing level, which will mean that any further increases in the cost of living particularly in food from dollar countries—where prices are steadily rising—will have to be borne by the consumer.

It has been suggested, however, that subsidies might be shifted from one commodity to another.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Cost Of Living Index

TWO years after the reoccupation, high cost of living allowances continue to represent a substantial proportion of our wage-earners' incomes; moreover, there is little likelihood that the allowances can be dispensed with for some time to come. A decline in living costs has been scarcely in sight and yet in November, 1947 this H.C.I. is still below based on an index system which was intended to operate only for six months. The rough and ready cost of living index, introduced during the days of the British Military Administration, is a reasonable enough guide for the lowest bracket of wage earners, but bears no relation to the living costs of the middle-class worker whose expenditure upon essentials extends far beyond firewood, rice, peanut oil, fish and meat. We have stressed this time and again and patiently have awaited the recommendations of the statistical officer specially appointed by Government to investigate the whole field of living costs. His principal work, we believe, was completed some months ago—long enough for the Authorities to have approved a revised and more realistic index. But the same old in-

adequate index is flourished at regular intervals to try and prove that it is costing two dollars less or more to live this month than last. It is ludicrous, more particularly when it is remembered that for at least a year Government has tacitly admitted that its basis for reckoning living costs is too narrow. The higher cost of living in this month of November, 1947 is not confined to commodities such as firewood, rice, peanut oil, fish and meat, but is represented in every essential—rent, clothing, travelling, school fees, hair cuts, light, and power. While collar workers have to meet all of these increased charges, but the majority of them receive H.C.I. allowances which take none of the items into account. Publication of a revised cost of living index has become an urgent necessity, doubly so in view of the awaited approval of the Salaries Commission's recommendations. It is presumed that the Commission took into account H.C.I. as well as basic salaries, but unless any revision of H.C.I. is based on a complete cost of living index, it cannot truthfully represent the increased charges for goods and services which today reduces salary cheques to a third of their face value.

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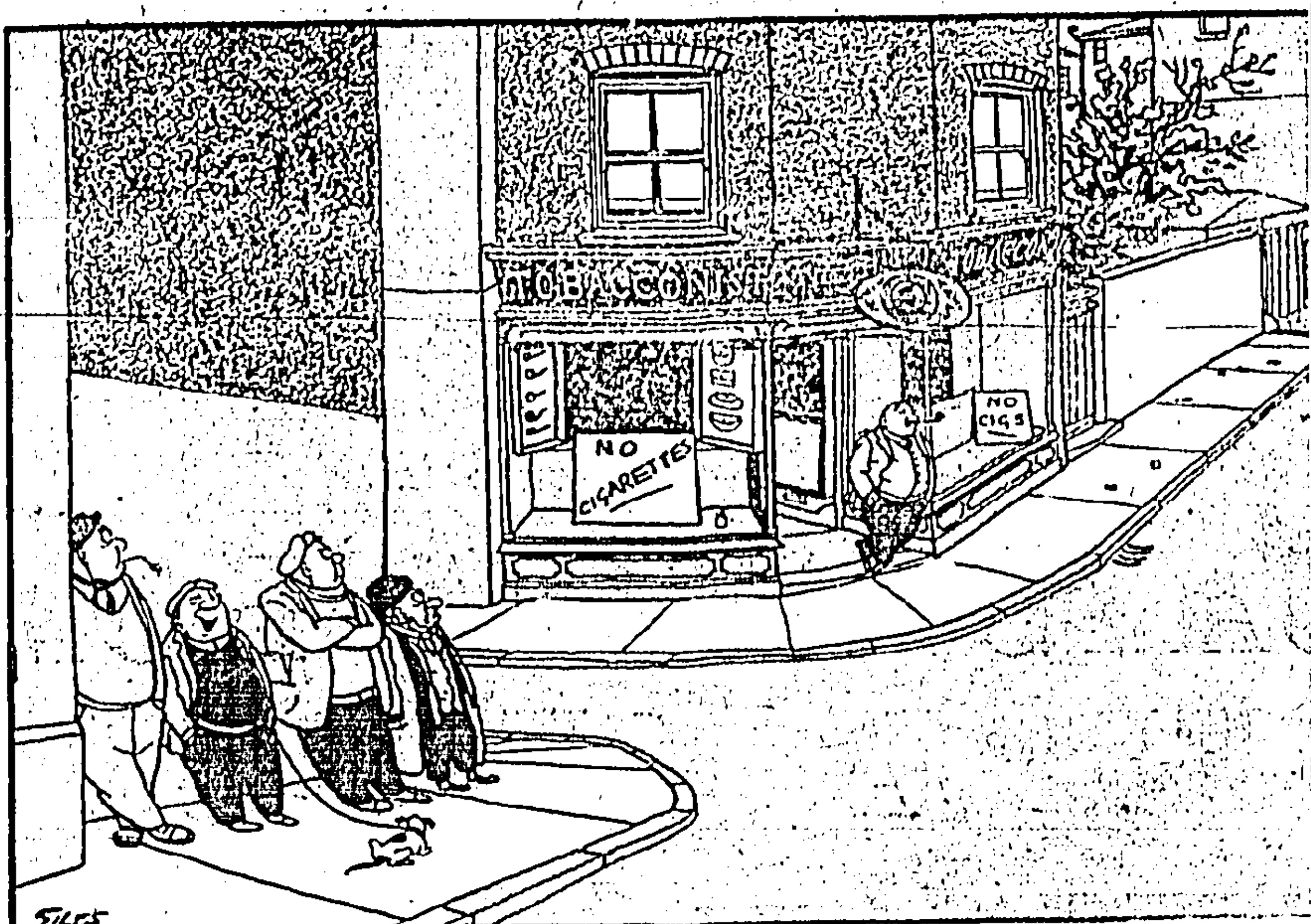
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NEXT CHANGE! Humphrey BOGART in

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"If he IS hoarding cigarettes till after the Budget I'm going to laugh if Dalton puts the price down instead of up."

Hellzapoppin!

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. COMMUNISM plus Hollywood, with the Un-American Activities Committee as a spark-plug, has produced an explosion that has angered a whole lot of people and totally bewildered a whole lot more.

It may be a faint satisfaction to British readers to know that among the most bewildered in America are top-flight lawyers who, while trying to intervene in the committee proceedings on behalf of their film clients, are abruptly muzzled or thrown out by the police.

Such men as highly respected Bartley Crum, who sat on the Anglo-American Palestine Committee, corporation lawyer Charles Katz, and the former Philippines High Commissioner Paul McNutt have been told in so many words to shut up by the committee chairman Parnell Thomas.

Katz was, in fact, given what is known in America as "the old heave-ho," meaning that he was escorted, far from gently, outside the Capitol building.

Paul McNutt, good-looking, silver-haired giant, was informed brusquely by Thomas that all he could do was to sit beside film producer clients and instruct them, if necessary, on their constitutional rights.

Not a law court

"Our trouble is," explains Mr. McNutt outside the committee room, "that people think this is a judicial hearing, but it isn't."

"The House committee is not trying anyone—it is investigating conditions in the film industry. It has a perfect right to do so, but it is not a judicial hearing or a court of law."

That means nobody has the right to cross-examine any witness, and this, lawyers feel, is the principal injustice.

Chairman Parnell Thomas, a growling, scowling, red-faced man, insurance broker and American Legion official, who uses the gavel on the slightest provocation, cannot be blamed for this. He is merely following the committee rules laid down.

Florida's Senator Claude Pepper has loudly advised witnesses to refuse to testify and "stand on their rights as Americans."

Kenny, Katz, and Crum admit they are out of their depth, but hesitate to take this step as they know witnesses so refusing to co-operate are immediately liable for contempt of Congress with jail and fine.

Flanking Thomas are half a dozen fellow committeemen who take turns questioning witnesses. They include John Rankin, Democrat from Mississippi, who shares the late Senator Bilbo's extreme views on racial questions.

R. M. MacCOLL sends a ringside picture of this fabulous inquiry into Communism in Hollywood

These committeemen, although giving the shrewdest shift to lawyers, are complacent with cameramen, who frequently push them aside in order to place their cameras on the committee table to get better shots.

Circus sidelights

EVERY few minutes some new touch of comedy catches your attention. Examples:—

• THREE frozen-faced men with hard eyes, who never smile at even the most uproarious developments, sit on either side of the committee. They are former members of the F.B.I. who were retained by the committee for "under-cover" investigations in Hollywood.

• ASKED by lawyers for some witnesses if the committee would agree to scan "run-offs" of some suspect films, Chairman Thomas replied: "I think we'll be much too busy to see any movies."

• ONE "silly" cameraman lost his footing from excitement while balancing on a chair and fell with a crash to the floor behind the committee table. He was helped to his feet by two of the committee men.

• ACCORDING to one witness, John Moffitt (former script writer and at present editor of Esquire magazine), he dropped into a school for acting in Hollywood one night and listened to a lecture for young actors.

"There was a man I regard as a Communist telling extras how to play a country club scene. 'Lounge about on the porch of the country club,' he told them. 'Wear long white trousers; look as decadent and as snobbish as you possibly can.'"

Moffitt ended: "And if that isn't Communist propaganda, what is?"

• GAGGED by Thomas's orders from speaking in the committee hearings the lawyers are reduced to holding frantic Press conferences outside after hours. For instance, as soon as Robert Taylor finished giving evidence in which he named writer Lester Cole as an alleged Communist, Cole's lawyer, Robert Kenny, triumphantly told reporters outside: "That's funny thing, Lester Cole was one of the writers on Taylor's latest picture, 'The High Wall.'"

More reluctance

TAYLOR himself has been described by the chairman as a "reluctant witness." There are more reluctant witnesses in 10 top-flight actors, writers and directors who may appear.

They were all subpoenaed. They include Larry Parks and Dalton Trumbo, who has made \$79,500 in the last three years as writer-director for Metro-Goldwyn. Ring Lardner Jun., famous son of a famous father, is also subpoenaed.

Parks and Lardner came out with their views at interviews. Said Parks, "I am here not as an actor but as a citizen whose right to think and speak freely has been attacked."

One thing seems certain. This public and highly spot-lighted uproar is going to leave wounds and resentments in Hollywood, setting star against star, and director against director, which will take a long time to heal.

Example: Adolphe Menjou got his first big chance a quarter of a century ago in "Woman of Paris," a silent film directed by Charles Chaplin. But Menjou, World War One veteran, sported contemptuously of Chaplin in evidence that the only gun Chaplin ever heard go off was a popgun in his studio.

Although Menjou was accused by his opponents of being "hammy," the fact remains that he showed courage in speaking out.

Whatever the real strength of Communism in Hollywood may be, the man who depends for his livelihood on pleasing many directors and producers might have been expected to take care to tread on as few toes as possible.

Johnston's there

WATCHING from the sidelines is Eric Johnston, keen-faced president of the Association of American Motion Picture Producers. His face twisted from time to time into a somewhat unhappy smile as he watched such big men as Jack Warner, Sam Wood, and Louis B. Mayer give their not always impressive evidence.

Mr. Johnston looked like a highly strung schoolmaster on the opening night of a school pageant, but it is a safe bet he was wishing that nobody had ever thought of this particular pageant.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

WHEN Smealpo was a little boy he was fond of dipping a haddock in marmalade and then sloshing the wall with it.

How often one reads some such account of the boyhood of one of those artists who end up by painting a triangle, a large eye, a mandarin and a pair of corsets and calling it a picture. I read the other day of an artist who "never knows what he is going to paint. He lets his brush guide him." He is a good little existentialist. No nonsense about essence preceding existence for him. But I note that he uses a brush.

An important point

C. SUET, ESQ., has made it clear that Mass Independent Scheduling of Planning Formula is not Overall Scheduling, as adumbrated in the Flabstone Report.

and legs bare. She had given orders to that asinine old nurse Moompl that not even the merchant or the landowner was to be admitted. Furthermore, she now began to hum an old Tibetan love-song, her snake-like hands rattling across the keys of a golden pianoforte from Chocho. And as she played, she glanced provokingly over her shoulder at the two delegates. Mince, thinking of home, wondered how she would go down with his Aunt Charlotte at Weston-super-Mare.

'Tibetan Moonflower' (XVII.)

DINGI-POOS had determined to make quite sure of getting the waterproof typewriter covered for nothing. Hence the display of drink. She had also attempted to introduce an atmosphere of business into the luxurious apartment in which she had received the two gowies. For instance, a bejewelled fountain pen lay invitingly on a 12th century macaw. Inland Annunusse tube, Dingy-Poos herself was dressed in a simple one-piece redingote which, left her back, sides, arms, shoulders

The love-song

As a matter of historical curiosity, here is the song Dingy-Poos was singing:

Lhata-mul Tsari
Thakpo yul, be.
This is repeated as often as you please—or rather as often as the finger pleases. It means: "If you come to Tsari, bring your own rice, beloved."

Exit the thoroughbred

by BASIL CARDEW

THE Spitfire is out. They're putting the old girl out to grass—as a trainer, I'm told. There's a new job coming along to take its place, a jet job—and as from now the Spitfire goes out of production.

But what if the 21,767th Spitfire is to be the last to leave the Supermarine Works? What if this month's delivery of Mark 24 Spitfires is to be the last the R.A.F. will get? You can't kill the "Spit" that way. It won't even move over in our affections....

Ten years...

The memory of a plane which fought in 33 different guises and in ten years never met its master cannot easily be puffed off the state. For us, the very word Spitfire is a passport to a memory of the Dunkirk beaches, to the Battle of Britain... to all these moments on battlefields here and abroad when the word alone brought hope and a fighting chance of victory.

For the Germans, "Achtung! Schiffe!" was a warning given in terror... a warning which had a birthday on October 16, 1939, when the Luftwaffe attacked naval units in the Firth of Forth. Three of their bombers failed to return. The lesson was often repeated, but sometimes the warning voices were in Italian, and later in Japanese.

Against time...

How was it born—this symbol of victory with sleek, rounded wings? Let's go back to 1931. That year the firm of Supermarine built a plane which won the Schneider Trophy. The experience of that victory went into a high performance fighter. The designer was square-jawed, quiet, absent-minded engineer R. J. Mitchell.

Time was pressing... Mitchell was one of the few who realised that a single-seat fighter fitted with a Rolls-Royce Merlin jet engine developed more than 5,000 h.p. Mitchell worked daily till dawn, the painfully, week after week for four years. In the year that Britain was given the first proud Spitfire Mitchell died. That was 1937.

The "Spit" started life with a speed of 362 miles an hour on the Mark 1. Progressively its speed was increased to 450 with the Mark 24. The first Spitfire had a rate of climb of 2,500ft. a minute.

The last version rises at 4,000ft. a minute.

It started with eight .303 machine guns, four in each wing. Then it was given two 20mm. cannon and six machine guns, later four cannon, then 250lb. and 500lb. bombs, and, finally, rockets.

All this...

It was a fighter, then a fighter-bomber, a photographic reconnaissance plane, an aircraft carrier plane, and it finished up, doing 10 roles for the R.A.F. It had its wings clipped, then put back to full length and points again.

When the Americans came over in 1942 they asked for Spitfires first. The fame and glamour of the plane-upright fighter plane swept the world. Other nations asked for them and got them—France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Greece, Yugoslavia—all used the Spitfire.

The smiles...

On the lighter side, there was the record 47-minute flight from Edinburgh to London in this fighter two years before the war started; and the rigger who, taken by surprise, sat astride the tail of the Spitfire during a 300-m.p.h. flight.

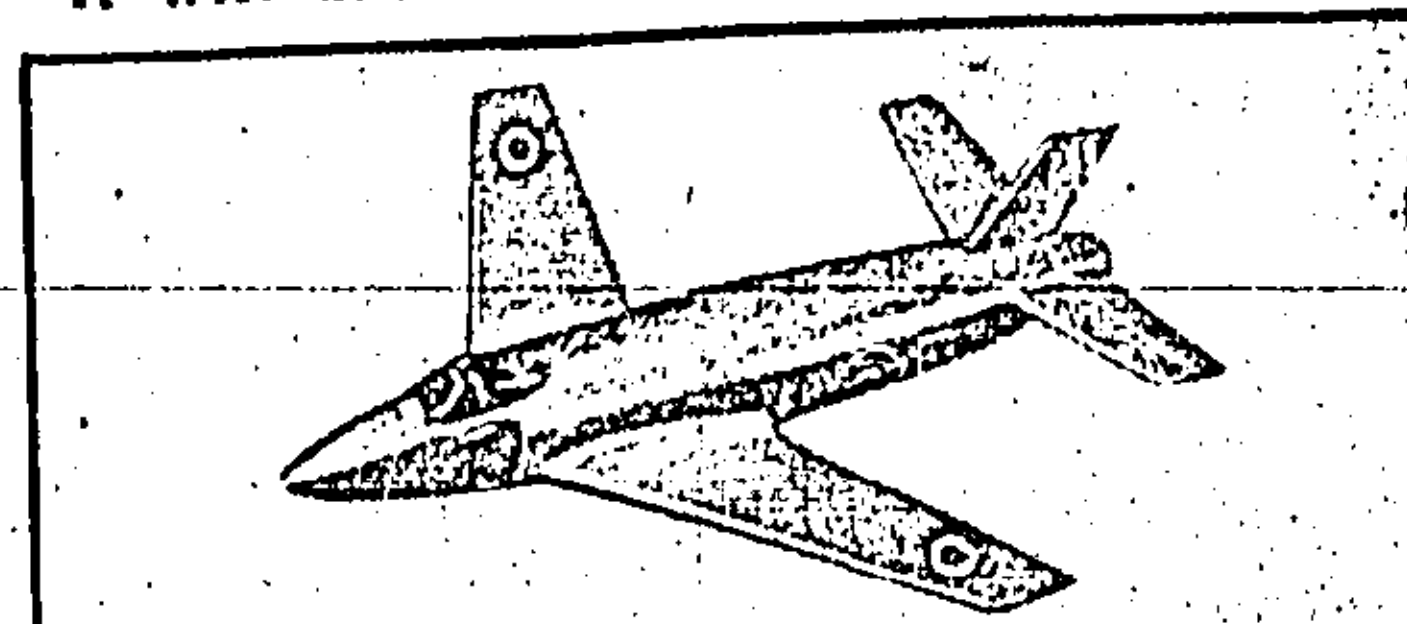
And the German who, shot down in Kent by a Spitfire pilot, awarded it his Iron Cross. But, then, we all have our own Spitfire stories.

And now...

In the course of 10 years' development, with engines ranging from the 1,050 h.p. Merlin to the Mark 1 to the 2,350 h.p. Griffon. Mitchell's basic design was never fundamentally altered. It is no good for conversion to jets. That is why it is out....

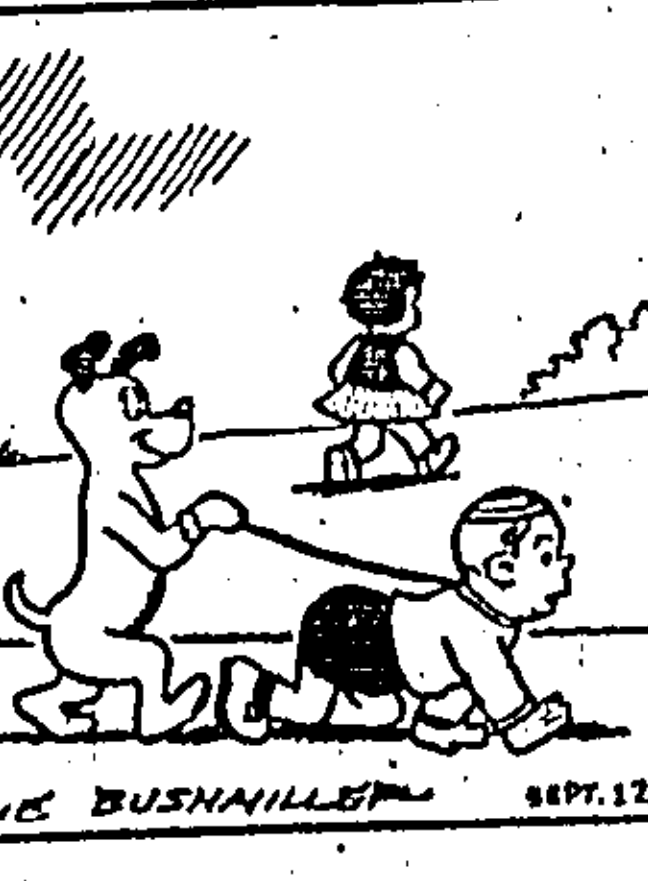
Here she is, in the picture below. This artist's impression is based on a photograph of early test models.

It will have to be good, very good...



THE ATTACKER: Maximum speed is 500 miles an hour; its operational ceiling is 48,500ft., and it can climb to 30,000ft. in 6.17 minutes. It will cruise at 240 miles an hour for 1.6 hours or 3.78 hours when a 210-gallon drop tank is fitted. It carries four 20mm cannon and two 1,000lb bombs or four 300lb. rockets.

NANCY Dog's Day



Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois

Little girls should start a beauty-care programme, supervised by mother.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS—

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am a mother of a very vain six-year old girl. Should I let her go on like this?"

"—MOTHER"

Yes, but what do you really mean by vain? If she wants pretty things, for instance, this is to be encouraged, within reason. Put a drop of cologne on her if she likes it. Give her a bath set, brush her hair, teach her to do it herself. But don't paint her fingernails.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Is green a good colour for an informal wedding suit?"—SUE."

Very smart, and combined with White it will look fresh and bride-like.

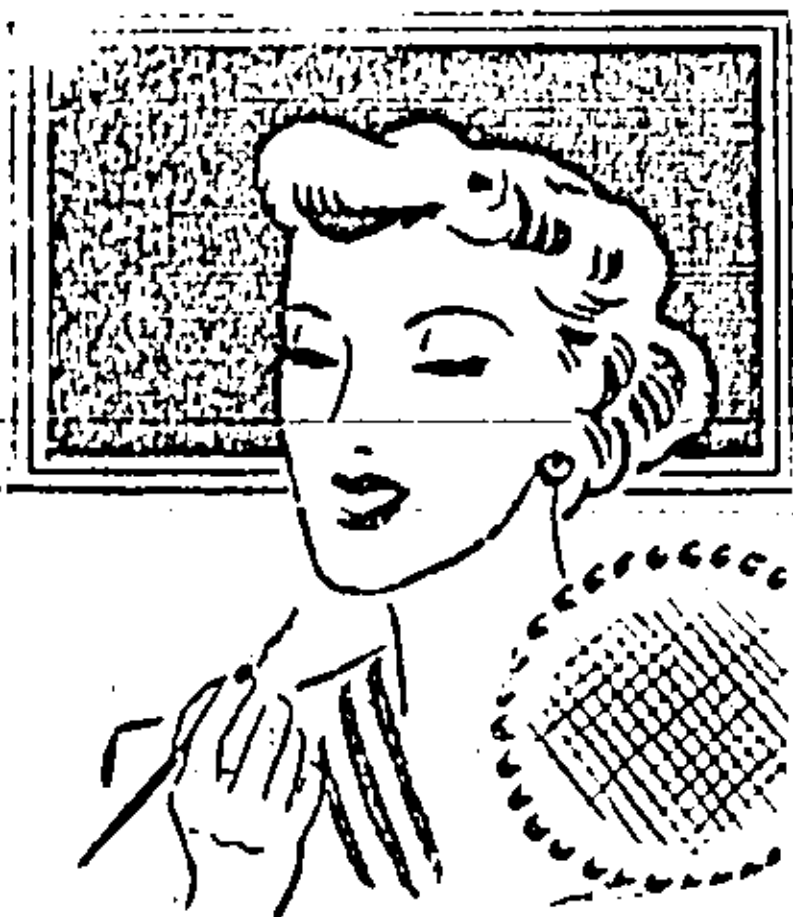
"Dear Lois Leeds—My hands have such short fingers. Should I point my nails? MARY."

No, pointed nails aren't pretty or in good taste. Oval nails will give more "length" to your fingers.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My hair is streaked from bleaching. How can I remove the bleach? I have brown hair."—MAY M."

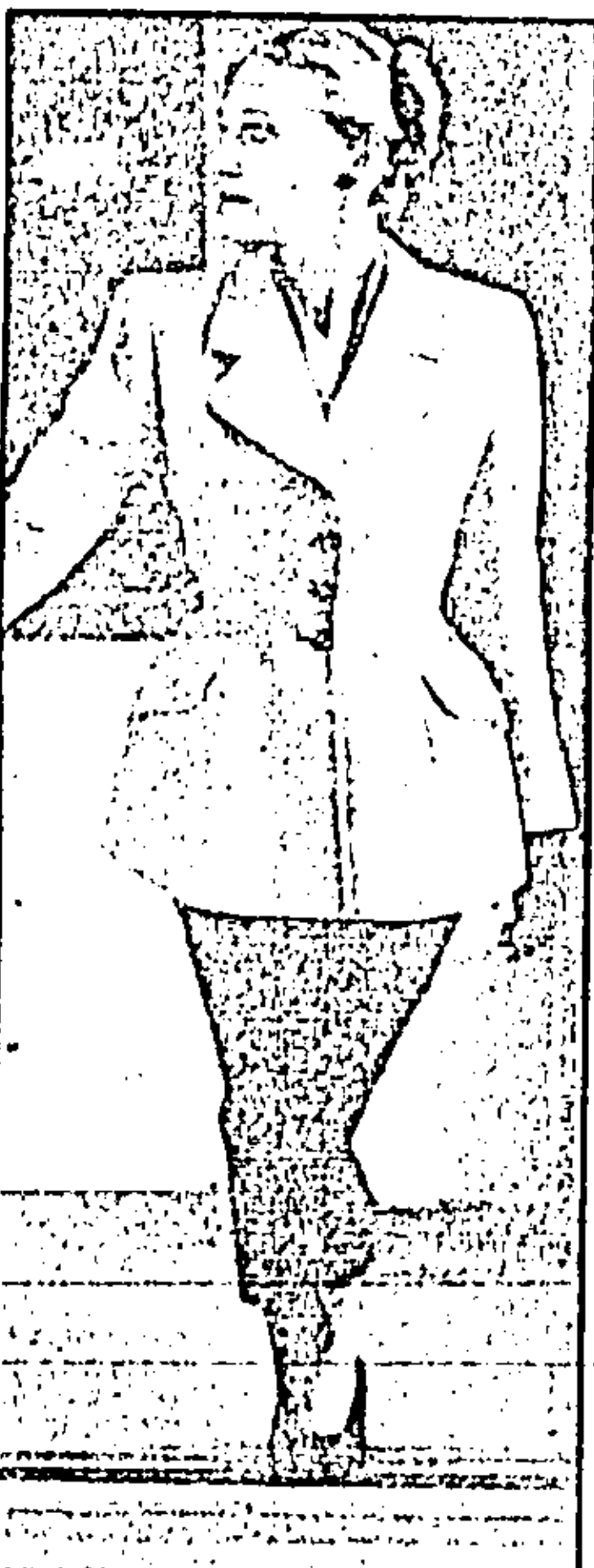
Use hot oil shampoos and put bluing (for hair) in the last rinsing.

Minute Makeups
by GABRIELLE



A famous Hollywood makeup man says that every woman needs three lipsticks. She should have one for Type, one for Fashion, and one for Evening. And why not? Lights change and you wear different costume colors. Carry in your bag the one you used at home.

GOING FEMININE



The mid-season dress shows are bringing the new feminine line into women's suits and dresses. Shoulders, though still padded, are rounded, skirts are longer, the waist tiny and hips accentuated by padding, pleated canvas falls under the dress or else a hem-length canvas petticoat.

Jackets over pencil skirts have the new bell look—the outfit pictured was at the Dorville show.

Pakistan Keeps Wary Eye On Soviet Union

BY G. MILTON KELLY

Karachi, Nov. 6.—The proud new Dominion of Pakistan, launched on a shoestring, piling up debts by the day and beset by embarrassing external problems, is keeping a wary eye on Russia as it prepares to speed exploitation of its mineral resources, especially oil and coal.

JAP FILM PRODUCERS DOLEFUL

Japan's film makers took a look at their balance sheets and announced dolefully they could find no grounds for rejoicing.

Their stock shares are declining in value, reduced electric supply is crimping their shooting schedules, and admission prices are increasing.

Japan's biggest movie maker, Toho Studio, suffered a 10,000,000 yen loss for the first half of this year, much of that deficit resulting from high salaries. Nipponese movie makers have an agreement among themselves not to disclose salaries paid to their stars, but the amounts would not cause Hollywood huntresses to catch the first beat for Japan.

Movie makers suffered the heaviest blow recently where it hurts most—at the ticket window. Government boosted admission tax from 100 to 150 percent. At that rate even Japanese with a pocketful of yen think twice before spending a couple of hours watching the acting of their favourite Nipponese or American stars.

Protest Delegation

The increased tax so shook these owners and employees that 2,000 of them banded together for a protest meeting, after which a delegation visited Premier Katayama and handed to him petitions by some 8,000,000 moviegoers complaining against the tax boost.

Production costs for one film vary from an average of 10,000,000 yen—which Japanese close to the industry say is the lay-out per picture—down to little more than 3,000,000 yen, spent on a film by the Dai-Ei firm which some Nipponese scornfully term a "quickie" organisation. —Associated Press.

DAIRY FARMS GO TO LONDON

Four hundred and seventy-three of Britain's finest dairy cows are being exhibited at the London Dairy Show—first since 1938—which opened at Olympia on October 28.

Main attraction, apart from the cattle, is a display of machinery for milk producers, distributors and dairy produce manufacturers.

But Government restrictions have prevented many of the usual features of the show being on view.

There are no butter-making, junket-making, cheese or cream competitions. And, although an ice-cream convention is being held in conjunction with the show, there are no contests for ice-cream making or for soda fountain dispensers.

A number of low-priced devices to enable small ice-cream manufacturers to comply with heat-treatment regulations are on show.

Check Your Knowledge

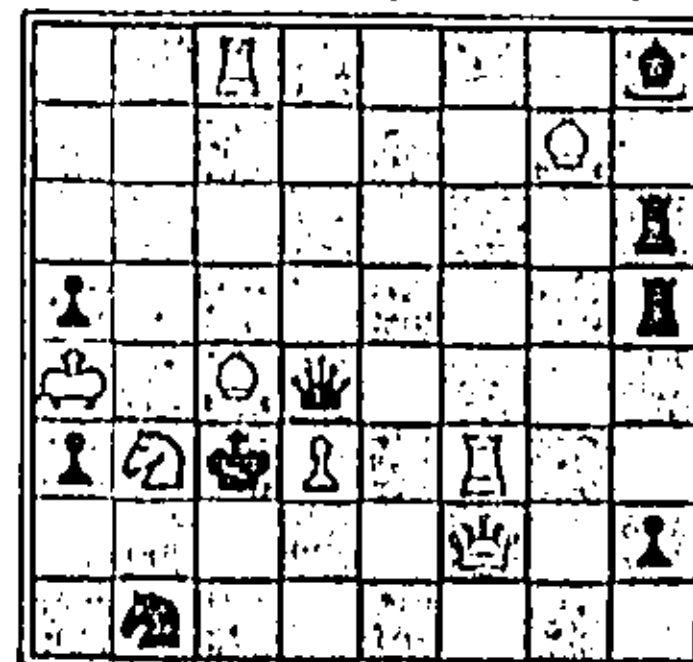
1. What secret society has the largest membership of any secret society in the world?
2. Name the four states in the United States that begin with the letter W.
3. What is the French equivalent of Wall Street?
4. What invention checked the menace of fire damp to miners?
5. Where and what is the Mendocino Deep?
6. What was the ancient language of India?

(Answers on Page 4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By G. GUIDELLI

Black, 9 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two. Solution to 'yesterday's' problem:

1. Q x P, any; 2. Q, R, B, Kt, or P mates.

High officials say privately they are hopeful of assurance that the United States and other Western powers will provide "big brother" help and protection until Pakistan finds her feet. They express the belief that nervousness over Russia's proximity will grow in proportion to the Dominion's mineral development as a result of what has occurred elsewhere.

M. A. Jinnah, Governor-General of Pakistan, spoke cautiously but pointedly about Russia in a recent exclusive interview and indicated the direction in which he is looking for aid. Responding to a question Jinnah said: "Russia has not even sent us a message of goodwill. Russia is the only nation that has not done so. I know nothing of Russia and her plans."

Of his own plans, Jinnah said: "I think that when the American Ambassador comes here, we may take up some concrete proposals which will be beneficial and to the advantage of both. Given American goodwill we can do a lot. When our Ambassador presented his credentials to President Harry Truman, the President's reply was cordial and more than a mere formal reply. He has his own real warmth and cordially toward Pakistan. We on our side have the greatest admiration and respect for America. She is the world's biggest power today and in the position to give any amount of help."

Markets Needed

"Pakistan needs to open the way to markets, and we hope for help in this. We do not ask anything for nothing. We believe that our credit is good."

Jinnah said Pakistan was not getting along on a deficit financing, and that the extent to which the country was going in debt would not be quite as large as some would be led to believe until the division of assets of the old India between the New India and Pakistan is completed.

He added: "We cannot develop industries and defence on our present capital. We must have adequate defence forces not because we want to fight anybody but to help us to live at peace. And so we must have outside assistance."

Jinnah spoke somewhat vaguely of new evidence of rich coal and oil resources but did not get pinned down on questions concerning quality, probable extent, etc.

Development Control

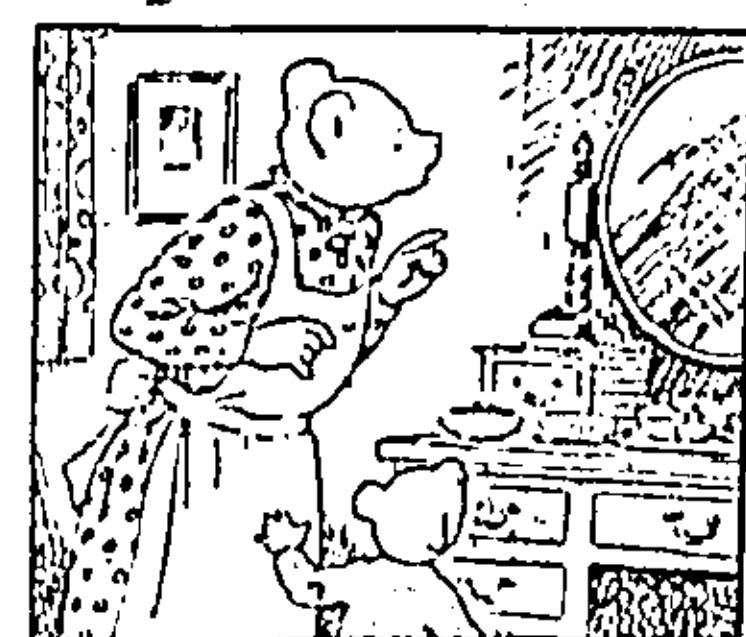
Pakistan law, which is based on the old British law, requires that the majority interest in mineral development must rest in the hands of native or British capital.

Americans who are engaged in exploring for minerals see that law as a barrier to American financial aid in developing the country.

One highly placed personage, who declined to be identified, said he considered Russia's failure to send Pakistan a goodwill message "strange, to say the least," adding that what-ever Russia's intentions are the world cannot overlook the fact that they actually are on the Russian border and that there is a natural corridor through which great military strength could sweep into Pakistan and thence into India.

"With our present strength I presume it is obvious that we are a potential buffer state," he added. —Associated Press.

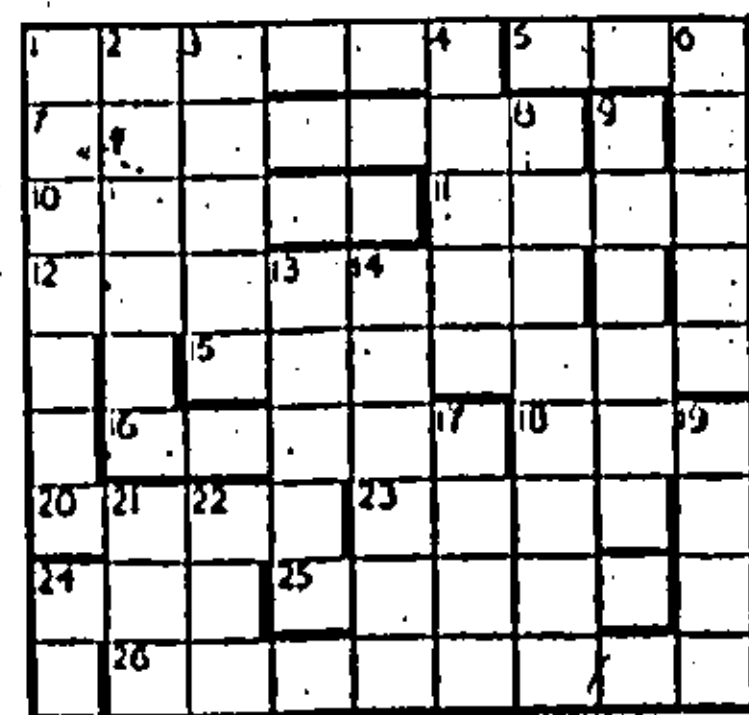
Rupert and the Three Guides—16



At Rupert's words Mrs. Bear looks anxious. "I left my string of pearls on the side of my dressing-mirror, and I took for granted that they're safe," she says, "but if there's a thief about we'd better make sure." Hurrying up to the bedroom, she gives a gasp. "My pearls have gone!" she cries. "Whoever can have taken them? I haven't been away from the cottage all day. Nobody could possibly have got in without my seeing him do it!"

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 and 4. The lowest stratum of a society. (5-6)
2. Power with a tear on, in good shape. (7)
3. This line is a helpless babe. Worried but I make her big. (7)
5. Endearment. (5)
6. British action at meal times. (3)
20. See 1 Down.

23. Be this to ransom. (4)
 24. Doesn't sound like me in the sheep pen. (9)
 25. For a change. (5)
 26. It's a nervous disease. (8)
- Down
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 3. Draw. (5)
 4. See 1 Across.
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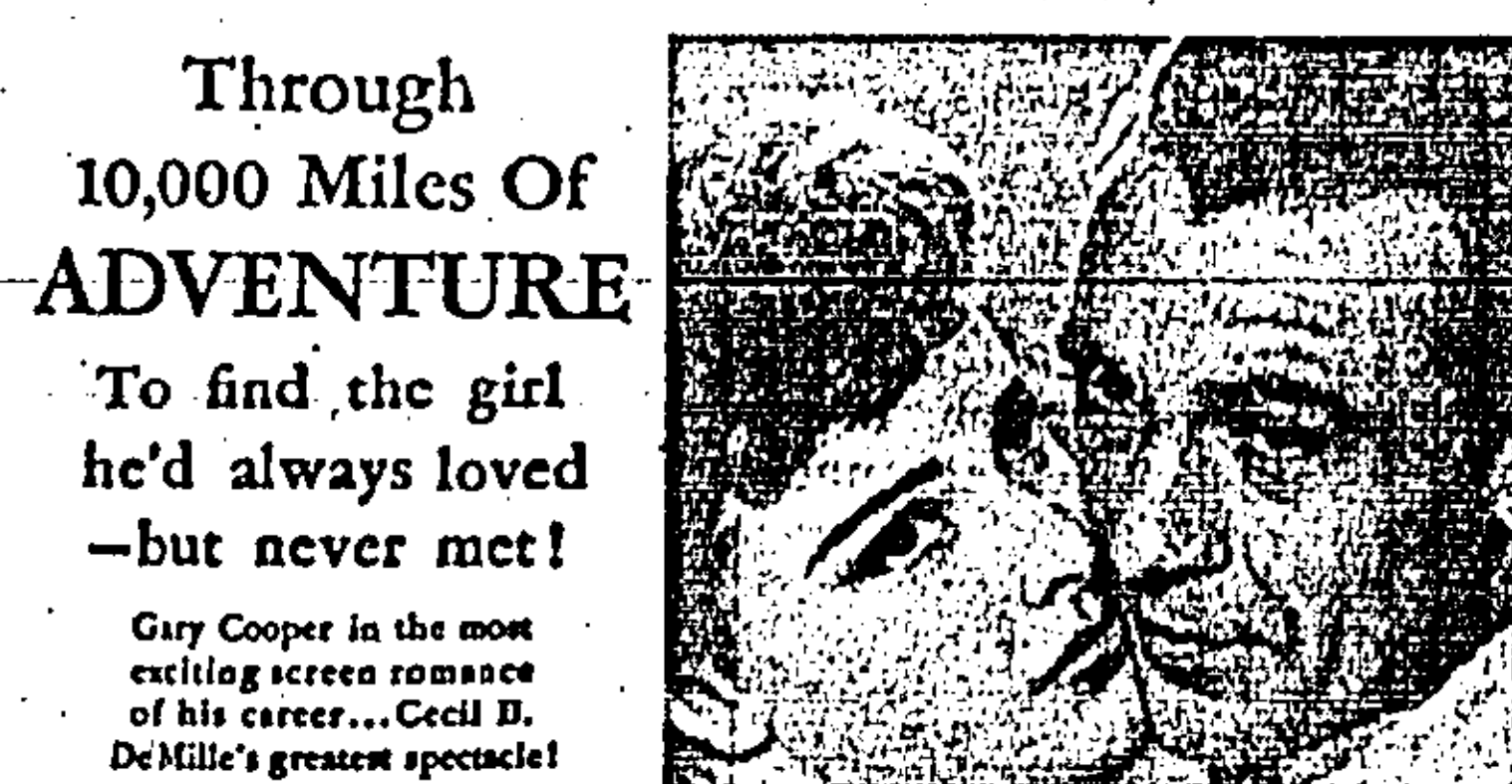
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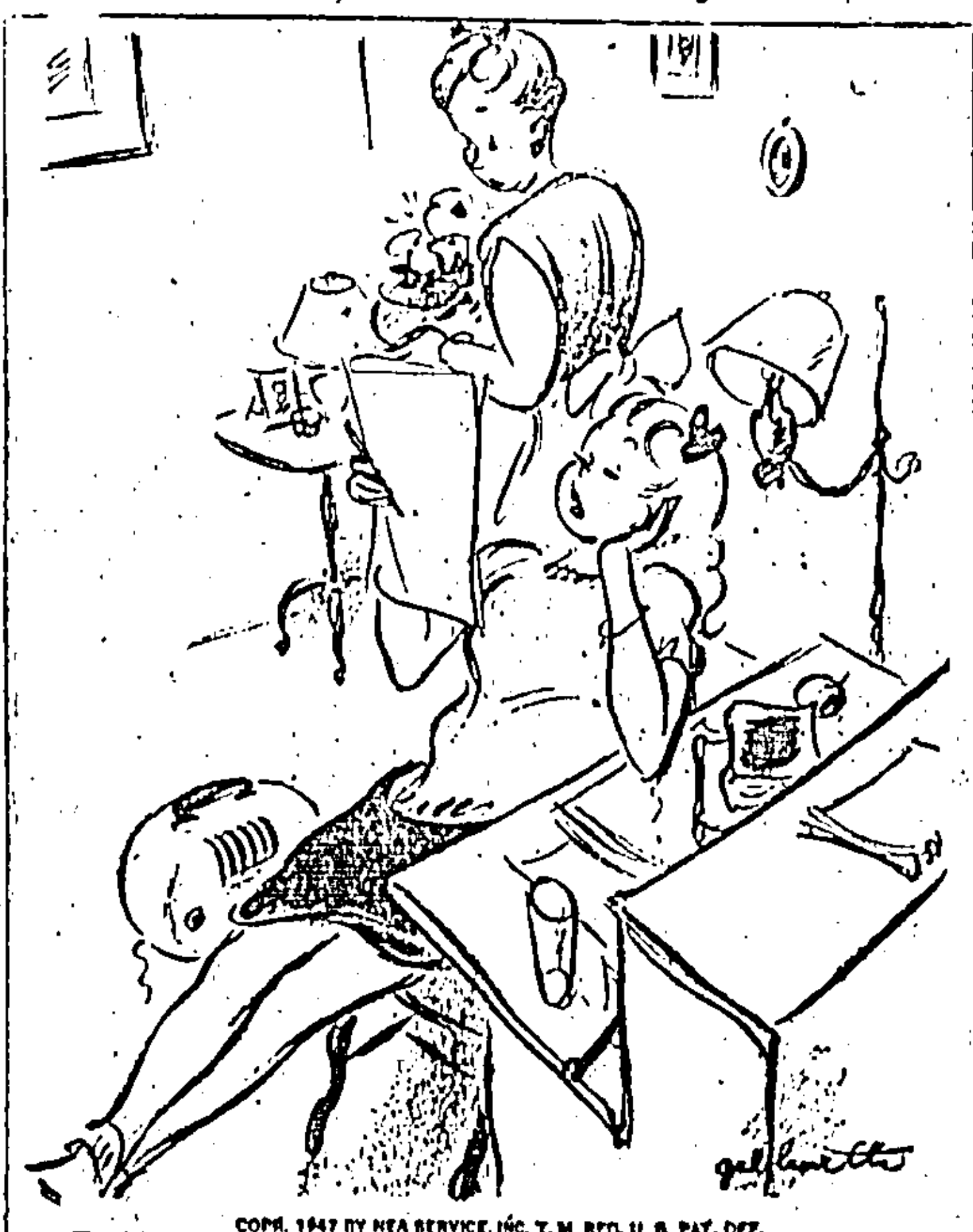
This one day appeal to your remembrance and generosity has now to finance the British Legion for all ex-Servicemen and women of TWO WARS. It helps their families too, and the blinded men of St. Dunstons.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The theme is about education, mother—I say the movies outshine the radio because the movies teach us about love, and the radio deals mostly with soap and things to eat!"

EVL ARDEN PHILIP MITTOWSKI
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